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## Students test well, YSU loses funds

### Sarah Sole

**SADD** 

News Editor

Youngstown State University earned high marks in Praxis scores among public universities, spent the second lowest cost of instruction per full-time equivalent student, and has experienced a 16 percent decrease in state funding since 2002, according to the Statistical Profiles for Ohio's Colleges and Universities.

The report analyzed different colleges and universities by category, with topics ranging from average lab and lecture size to in-state retention of Ohio resident students.

Bege Bowers, associate provost, said though funding is down in many states, Ohio's education funding was already low.

"Higher education has not had

the priority that is has had in some other states," Bowers said.

Tuition has been frozen, and state funding has been down, which are YSU's two primary sources of revenue, Bowers said. The lack of money has forced the university to make difficult spending decisions.

"Certainly it's made us more strapped," she said. The report, however, does not

reflect the recent increase in state funding, she said.

Bowers said state subsidy to YSU increased from \$40,091,166 in fiscal year 2007 to \$42,658,718 in FY 2008, and it is projected to rise to more than \$46 million next year.

Bowers said tuition may also increase soon.

The 10-year Strategic Plan for Higher Education states, "Institutions will be given flexibility to set tuition at the main campuses, but this authority is contingent upon the institution's ability to offer financial aid based on need to all qualified students in accordance with guidelines to be established by the Chancellor."

The university has also spent \$10,813 per FTE student for undergraduates and graduates, which is \$3,293 less than the university main campuses' average of \$14, 106 per FTE student.

Bowers said it is difficult to analyze what other universities' student spending is without knowing how they spend the money. Some universities with higher revenue may offer more frills to their students.

Still, Bowers said that YSU's expenditures per FTE undergraduate student falls "in the middle of the pack."

**DEADLY BUZZ** 

Students Against Destructive Decisions want you to buzz wiser

Morrison.

'We try to make all decisions in

"We try to make

all decisions in

the best interest

of the students."

Bege Bowers, associate provost

the best interest of the students,"

had the highest retention rate

among the seven open admissions

universities in Ohio shows that

YSU is serving students well.

DON'T END UP HERE-

SADD was in the campus core

Monday to promote awareness of

impared driving. There was a coffin

and hearst set up to demonstrate

the possible consequences of drunk

driving. SADD is partnering with

DD4Hire during finals week for an

Anti-drunk driving campaign.

was on a down note, though.

Members also handed out cotton

candy, did caricatures and

allowed students to try on beer

goggles that simulate drunken

vision. The students then walked

freshman Trevor Jones, "All

those lines throw you off. You

don't want to see that while

SADD currently has about 50

"It was really rough," said

a line, as in a sobriety test.

you're driving."

member on campus.

Photos by Brian Cetina.

Bowers said the fact that YSU

YSU also had strong scores in

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Interim provost to stay for up to two years

**ADMINISTRATION** 

Adrienne Sabo

Editor in Chief

Youngstown State University will not hire any of the provost candidates who visited campus two weeks ago.

In a memo from YSU President David Sweet to the campus, he said Interim Provost Ikram Khawaja has agreed to stay in his position for up to two years. Sweet said the decision was made after input with the search committee, the Board of Trustees and campus and professional colleagues.

In his letter he said, "While each of the finalists was an acceptable candidate for the position, none exceeded the capabilities of Dr. Ikram Khawaja.' Khawaja said Sweet asked him

if he would stay in the position and that he agreed under the circum-He said his 40 plus years of

experience at YSU have created a deep investment in him for the welfare of the university. Joe Edwards, dean of the fine and performing arts, chaired the

search committee. He said the university is fortunate to have the

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### **POLITICS**

## McCain visiting campus today

Sarah Sole

News Editor

Sen. John McCain will speak in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room at 12:15 p.m. today at Youngstown State University for a town hall event, after which the projected Republican presidential nominee will be available to the press in the Ohio Room.

Alex Mangie, YSU College Republicans president, said he is excited to attend McCain's event, and looks forward to discussing topics such as the war in Iraq, the economy and health care. He said he intends to ask McCain about his plans for college students, since the Arizona senator hasn't yet addressed the topic in his campaign, Mangie said.

Since McCain is a moderate, he has to reach out to Democrats, and there are many here in Youngstown, Mangie said. A Facebook group for the event has 60 students attending

Additionally, Mangie said McCain will have the chance to clear up negative assumptions about the Republican Party.

While Mangie is looking forward to the event, some other students aren't excited about McCain's visit.

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**SOCIETY** 

Aaron Workman

core Monday.

ident of SADD.

With a hearse and open casket,

Students Against Destructive

Decisions held its annual

Buzzwiser event in the campus

would be something really

visual that would grab atten-

tion," said Eric Morrison, pres-

"We thought that a coffin

Reporter

## Most students aren't bothered by public displays of affection, survey shows

having one or two drinks, you're

OK, but really you're buzzed.

You're still drunk driving," said

16,000 people die as a result of

drunken and buzzed driving every

year, so this is a big part of what

smart decisions and think twice,"

said Amanda Birtalan, incoming

Not everything at "Buzzwiser"

SADD president.

"We just want people to make

Members of SADD said that

### Samantha Pysher

Reporter

A survey of 140 students last week showed that the majority feel public displays of affection are not a problem at Youngstown State University. Still, a third of students said there should be some restrictions on PDA.

Sophomore Jessica Zarbatany said a hug or kiss is OK, adding, "Save anything more for alone

The survey showed that 76 percent said they ignore PDA when it is more than hand holding or a kiss, 17 percent said they leave the area, and 6 percent said they'll say something to the couple.

On the other hand, when PDA includes a kiss or hand holding, 99 percent of students say they ignore it, and 1 percent said they would speak out.

"If we can get people to

stop by and talk to us, then we

can spread our message bet-

SADD partnered with Becker

Funeral homes to bring a hearse

on reminding students that

there is not only danger in

drunken driving, but also in

"A lot of people think that

and a coffin to campus.

"buzzed" driving.

To spread this message,

This year's event focused

ter," he said.

"I try to ignore it, but sometimes 's hard to," Zarbatany said.

Zarbatany said if someone were to go to a bar, PDA would be expected, but around campus she hasn't seen much PDA.

"If that same behavior occurred in a bar, people wouldn't think twice about it," said Steve Ellyson, of the psychology department said.

Ellyson suggested that it's not the actual behavior that's bothersome to some students, but the time and place when the PDA is occurring that breaks from social

"Some behavior is simply acceptable in some places, but not others," Ellyson said.

If the couple happens to be confronted about their actions, Ellyson said the confronter might be encouraging the couple to continue with PDA.

"If you're an observer, look away. You're not going to change their behavior," Ellyson advised.

"The problem with PDA is where to draw the line," Ellyson

In the survey, 72 percent said nothing needs to be done about campus PDA.

Freshman Todd Margo said PDA is no big deal. "It's a personal choice, and I'm not in a position to tell people what they can and can't

## "Save anything more for alone time."

Sophmore Jessica Zarbatany

do," he said.

In the survey, 32 percent of students said there should be a few restrictions on PDA, while 1 percent said campus should have rules against PDA.

Sophomore Bonnie Oliver suggested that a couple of guidelines might help, but asked, "Would anyone read them?"

"I think it's nice when a gentleman gives his girl a kiss and a hug

before class," Oliver said smiling. Oliver said that displays of affection show the other person that

"People hug, people kiss, and I find it refreshing," Oliver stated.

While 26 percent of students answered yes to the question, "Are you guilty of PDA?" and 42 percent answered sometimes, 32 percent said no.

"I don't see too much at YSU, as far as inappropriate behavior" Oliver said.

Sophomore Robert Giles said that people should be able to show feelings for one another, but it shouldn't be done distastefully.



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#### **TO THE POINT**

### McCain to campus today

Republican presidential candidate John McCain will be on campus today to host a town meeting in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center at noon.

### Time capsule to be placed under statue

President Sweet will fill a Time Capsule with memorabilia today at 9:30 a.m. as part of the centennial celebration. The capsule will be buried under the new sculpture of Howard W. Jones, YSU's first president. The sculpture will be unveiled May 16, the day before spring commence-

### Softball team to play two double headers

The softball team will play a double header against Canisius today at 2 p.m. at McCune Park. They also play a double header against St. Francis at the same location Wednesday.

### Earth Day festival about to bloom

Upward of 20 different environmental organizations will be on campus Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to participate in YSU's annual Earth Day Festival in Kilcawley Center.

### Brass choir to play Butler museum

The Dana Brass Choir will perform a Music at Noon concert Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in the Butler Institute of American Art.

### STEM students display projects for career day

The lobby of Moser Hall will display the Mini Baja Car, the Moon Rover and the Steel Bridge among others Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m. during the College of rechnology. Engineering and Mathematics' STEM Careers and Student Project Displays. Visitors will be able to talk to STEM faculty and industry representatives about careers in STEM fields.

### Expert to educate about Passover

Rabbi Frank Muller of YSU's Jewish Student Organization and Rodef Sholom Temple will host the annual Model Seder Thursday from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Room 2068 Kilcawley Center. The event is to teach attendees about Passover, a Jewish holiday.

### WYSU listeners set pledge record

WYSU-FM 88.5 raised a record \$102,058 in its spring pledge drive with nearly 1,000 listeners donating to the station during the drive. Of these contributors 113 were new members. "We had a lot of help," said station director Gary Sexton. The weeklong pledge included giveaways as well as other incentives, including daily drawing for HD Radios. Bea Jones, a listener from Berlin Center, won the grand prize, a pair of tickets on a 13-day "Fables of Ancient Greece" tour sponsored by WYSU.

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## Social science, film study classes draw highest number of students

J. Breen Mitchell

Reporter

With 1,555 students enrolled this semester, Intro to Sociology is the most popular non-required class at Youngstown State

General Psychology is a close second with 1,503 students, and History of Motion Pictures comes in at a distant third with 641 stu-

Members of each department have a few explanations for the popularity of these courses.

"Psychology is one of the largest stand-alone majors," said Vernon Haynes, chair of the department of psychology.

"Everyone loves movies."

Frank Castronovo, *chair of theater and dance* 

"Psychology applies to everyone. If you look at some of the other majors, like chemistry or biology, a lot of people don't see how they apply to everyday life," said Haynes.

The popularity of History of Motion Pictures is perhaps explained best by Frank Castronovo, chairman of the department of theater and dance.

"Everyone loves movies," Castronovo said.

He said movies are the pop culture reference of choice for most

"Motion picture is an international art form, but I think America has done more for advancing them. Everyone thinks of Hollywood," Castronovo said.

People want to know how the art form came about, said Castronovo. He said that films resonate well with Americans.

English 1550 and basic math classes get more students, but weren't counted by this article because they're requirements.

**ELECTION** 

## Clinton, Obama start their closing arguments in Pennsylvania

### David Lightman, Margaret Talev & William Douglas

McClatchy Newspapers

Sen. Hillary Clinton put up a new TV ad Monday arguing that she's the best candidate to handle madmen such as Osama bin Laden, and Sen. Barack Obama replied with an ad saying that he's the one to tame special interests, as the two warring Democrats rolled through Pennsylvania looking for last-minute support.

Polls showed that Clinton maintained a 5- to 7-percentagepoint lead through the weekend, small enough to suggest that Obama could pull an upset when the state's voters head to the polls Tuesday.

"I'm not predicting a win," Obama, an Illinois Democrat, told a radio interviewer. "I'm predicting it's going to be close and that we are going to do a lot better than people expect."

About half the state's 4.2 million Democrats are expected to turn out. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT.

At stake in the first primary in six weeks are 158 delegates to the Democratic convention, but more important, momentum in the last big state scheduled to vote during the nominating season.

A loss by Clinton, a New York Democrat who a month ago held a 15- to 20-percentage-point lead in most major polls, probably be seen as devastating.

Obama has a different task: He must show that he can win in a big, diverse state. Even though he leads in delegates, 1,648 to 1,509, with 2.025 needed to nominate, he has been stung by losses to Clinton on similar turf, notably in neighboring New Jersey and in Ohio.

Clinton began running a 30second ad Monday that was in effect her closing campaign state-

"It's the toughest job in the world," she told viewers, who then saw images of some of recent American history's most critical moments and nemeses – the stock market crash, Pearl Harbor, bin Laden, Hurricane Katrina and oth-

"You need to be ready for anything," she said, "especially now, with two wars, oil prices skyrocketing and an economy in crisis. Harry Truman said it best: If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen. Who do you think has what it takes?"

By day's end, Obama was running an ad in response.

"Who has what it takes to really bring change? To finally take on the special interests \_ not take their money," says the announcer. At the end, Obama says, "We are one people. All of us pledging allegiance to the Stars and Stripes. All of us defending the United States of America."

The candidates also both taped appearances on the "WWE Raw" Monday night wrestling show.

Joking that she should be called "Hill-Rod," Clinton explained: "I've been knocked down, but I've always gotten back up. And I



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and husband Bill Clinton embrace as they campaign during a rally, Monday, April 21, 2008, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL)meets with students before speaking at Montgomery County Community College, Monday, April 21, 2008, during campaign stop in Pennsylvania.

know how to take a hit for the American people.

"And if things get a little tough," she said, "I may even have to deliver the `people's elbow.""

In his WWE message, Obama also invoked the words of actor and wrestler The Rock.

"To the special interests who've been setting the agenda in Washington for too long and to all the forces of division and distraction that have stopped us from making progress for the American people, I've got one question: Do you smell what Barack is cooking?" he said with a grin.

Clinton began her campaign day in Scranton, home turf of sorts for her, since her grandfather worked in a local lace mill and her father was born there.

"One day to victory, that's what the challenge is," the New York senator told an enthusiastic crowd.

"We really need to bear down." Obama, also in Scranton, ate waffles at a local diner – perhaps some symbolism to remind voters of his claims that Clinton often changes positions on key issues, such as the Iraq war.

Obama also taped a late-night appearance on the "Daily Show," which is popular with the young voters he's counting on for a big turnout, and an interview for food personality Rachael Ray's syndicated program.

Obama started his day with a visit to the Glider Diner in Scranton and was to wind up in Pittsburgh for an evening rally. In between, he hosted a forum for about 45 local supporters in Blue Bell, in suburban Philadelphia.

He was asked about health care and the economy - and Clinton never came up.

The economy is like an ocean liner," Obama said. "If you steer it in the right direction," then over the course of decades the nation can "avoid the big iceberg."

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establishes college scholarship

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the Praxis exam, earning a 97 percent summary pass rate for Praxis II and a 100 percent summary pass rate for Praxis III. Cleveland State University and Miami University were the only other universities in the category to earn a 100 percent for Praxis III.

Bowers said the university and faculty have worked well to help students prepare for the exams. Several years ago, YSU ranked among the lowest scoring schools for the exams.

Michael Chaney, director of marketing and communications for

the University System of Ohio, said the statistical profiles, which have been published since 2000, help identify what is working and what isn't working for Ohio's higher education.

"The outlook is very good," Chaney said, adding that improvements to Ohio's higher education will still take work.

Government and leadership, however, have made considerable strides, Chaney said. For example, in the future, state funding for universities and colleges will no longer be based solely upon enrollment.

#### MCCAIN page 1

Marijo Yablonkai, a sophomore at YSU, said she wasn't aware that McCain was visiting campus, and that she isn't interested in seeing the senator because she doesn't want to vote for him.

"I'm a Democrat. I don't like what he's for," Yablonakai said.

Freshman Brian Johnson agreed.

"I don't agree with some of his views," Johnson said of McCain.

"I'm not affiliated with that party."

While Dana Thomas, a sophomore, said she is interested in the election, she said she will not be attending the event. She likes Sen. Barack Obama's plan for teachers, she added.

Additional reporting by Alice DeBonis, Brandon Judeh, Eric Barone, and Max Somerville.

### PROVOST page 1

knowledge and experience of Khawaja to fill in the position.

"His breadth of knowledge about the university and his longevity here on campus has been an equalizing and calming force," Edwards said.

The provost search committee began working on filling the position in January.

The first round of interviews were held at the Pittsburgh International Airport before inviting any candidates to visit campus.

Edwards said off-campus interviews are standard practice for convenience.

With the candidates, Edwards said he found, "They had qualities

potential candidates."

"They had the potential for it, as we dug deeper it obviously became apparent that they may not have been the best fit," he said.

and background that made them

Edwards said that while it couldn't be considered normal to not pick a candidate, it does happen.

"There's a good bit of fortune involved in a search, you never know that at the last minute that those are the people who will want to come to us," Edwards said.

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**Eagles guitarist Joe Walsh** 

Akron Beacon Journal

**LOCAL** 

Eagles rocker Joe Walsh has funded the first performance-based scholarship in Kent State University's College of the Arts.

The \$50,000 award will underwrite an annual \$10,000 scholarship for the next five years for one or more incoming freshmen.

The former KSU student told the Akron Beacon Journal in 2001 that his two years at Kent State were the foundation for his career as a rock-and-roll star.

"I didn't have a clue about life when I started college, except that I knew I was dumb," he said at the time. "But just the experience of going to college taught me the stuff I needed in order to do anything in life – you know, how to do my own laundry, that sort of thing."

Walsh, 60, attended Kent State between 1966 and 1968, majoring in English and picking up a guitar for the first time. He dropped out to play full time with the James Gang in Cleveland.

That led to success in the Eagles, a successful career as a solo artist and induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

He started a foundation to fund nonprofit causes, among them amateur-radio education, and has performed in many benefit concerts.

He also kept up his contacts with Kent State. In 1986, he was grand marshal of its homecoming parade. In 2001, university officials gave him an honorary doctorate of music for his success as a singer, songwriter and guitarist.

That prompted Walsh to endow a \$25,000 scholarship in Kent State's School of Music. Since KSU has a 5 percent spending policy on endowments, this means the university gives out one \$1,250 award to a music

major each year.

When Walsh wanted to do more, Steve Sokany, associate vice president for university development, visited him in southern California with a slew of ways he could spend his money at Kent State.

What resonated was a performance-based scholarship – a kind of American Idol for the college crowd.

"People who have a specific talent in the fine and performing arts don't necessarily have the best grades so they don't have the best scholarship options," Sokany said. "He was very intrigued by this."

Agreement with Walsh in hand, the university asked its schools of music and theatre and dance to select their most promising incoming freshmen. Nine auditioned and were interviewed by a university panel in March.

Walsh, who is touring with the Eagles, chose not to be part of the process.

The university is keeping the name of the winner under wraps until all of the competitors have been notified later this week.

But as the award is renewable, there might not be another competition until that student graduates from Kent State without having spent a cent on tuition and fees, which currently total \$8,430 annually for in-state students.

John Crawford, associate dean for the College of the Arts, said he hoped Walsh will be so pleased with the program that he will continue to underwrite it when the agreement expires and that others will follow suit.

"I'm just so grateful I found this little place in Ohio where creative people were all together," Walsh said in 2001.

"We were all so naive ...and the world was a lot slower. It allowed kids the time to act their age."

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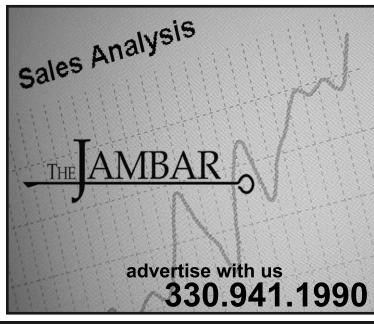


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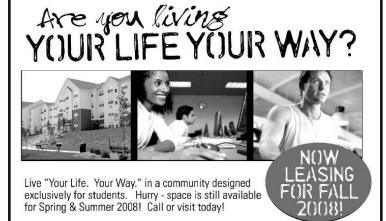
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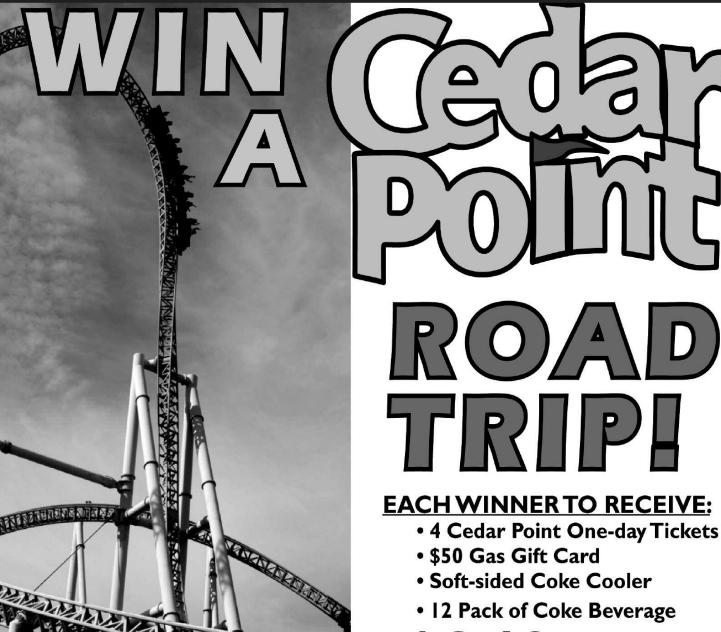
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## Change is gonna come to 'Lost'

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those left behind.

"All I can say is, Sawyer isn't one of the Oceanic 6 and Jack and Kate are," Lindelof says, referring to the ongoing love triangle between Josh Holloway's, Evangeline Lilly's and Matthew Fox's characters. "It will obviously be a huge focus in the final three hours of the show that comprise the finale in terms of how that series of events transpires, and ultimately what happens to Sawyer."

Among the things that may not be revealed by season's end, however, are the backstories of the "freighter folk," the new characters introduced at the top of the season. "Because the season got shortened, one thing we didn't get to do as much as we planned was tell the story of the freighter folk," he says. "Some of that will be deferred to next season.'

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becomes, where does it take you?" "Lost" returns to ABC at 10 p.m. EDT April 24.



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**OUR SIDE** 

# He's done his time, let the man retire

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We would like to express our sympathy that Ikram Khawaja is stuck at YSU for up to two more years. Can't the university just give the man his rightly deserved retirement?

If we were him, we would be weary by now.

It can't be that difficult to find a new provost. Isn't that what all those candidates and the search committee were for? It is discouraging that a number of seemingly strong candidates yielded no results.

YSU can't just keep shuffling the same employees from position to position to fill holes. New employees in administration bring fresh ideas to the table.

The university doesn't just have difficulty choosing a provost. We also conducted a search for a dean of the fine and performing arts that yielded no results either.

What gives?

Either YSU has an aversion to change, or the candidate pool is severely underqualified.

While we are shocked that the process is taking this long, we are grateful that YSU is not just choosing Average Joe or Mediocre Mary as provost. The position requires considerable responsibility.

Why bring candidates to YSU, if none are going to get the position?

These trips cost money, as does the whole interview process. It also wastes the search committee's time. These employees are using their own time and sometimes taking time away from their jobs to serve on these search committees.

The process has been streamlined to bring only the candidates with the most potential to YSU. If the university is confident enough in the skill sets of the interim officials, then leave them there to conduct more searches. Why waste everyone's time and spend money that isn't necessary?

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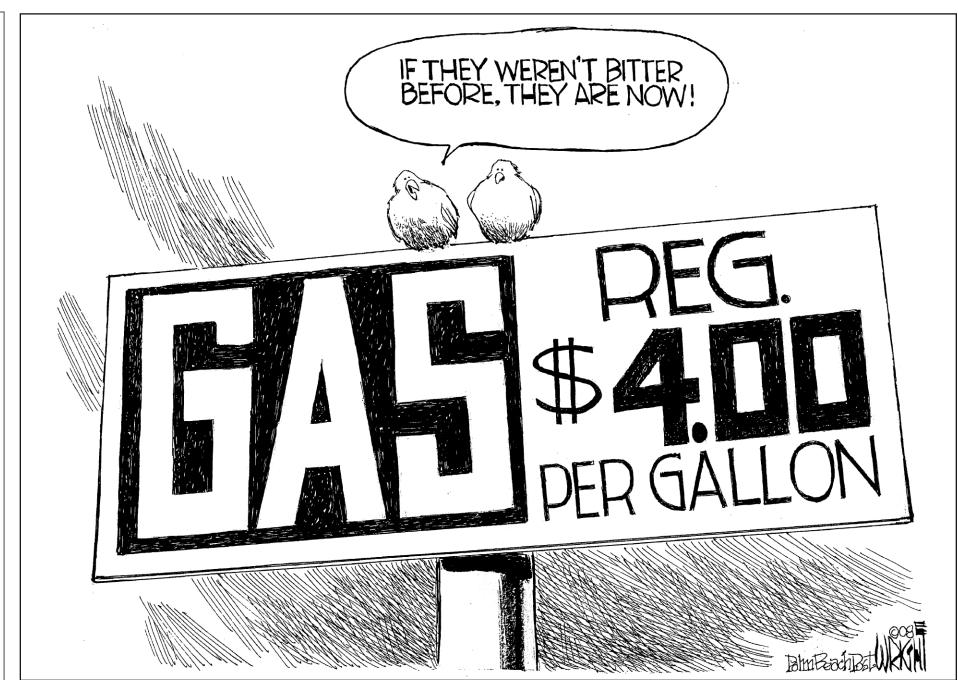
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#### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Editor,

Earth Day feels different this year. Environmental messages are all over the airwaves, on the Internet and in the stores. Heck, even Wal-Mart's using the E-word.

That's all very fine, but how do Earth Day and larger environmental issues play out in our everyday lives? Every flush of the toilet, every flip of the light switch, every trip to the mall, every forkful of food has environmental implications. True, for one person, they're not large. What's a couple gallons of water or a kilowatt of electricity? And gas? It's only a gallon to get to Eastwood and back.

The point, though, is this: Our individual choices magnified a billion-fold add up to disaster for the planet. We in the post-industrial nations won't feel the pain in our own lives for a while. But if I listen to the news, I'll know that the Haitians are starving, in part because the price of corn has skyrocketed, now that corn is going into wealthy nations' gas tanks and not into poor nations' bellies. I'll know that the Arctic ice cap is melting rapidly and that the magnificent polar bear is probably doomed. And, while the fate of the polar bear is tragic, there seems to be little we can do to prevent it.

So do I just shrug and walk away from it? Do I just go fill up the tank and go out and buy more stuff to distract me from the pain I feel? Maybe. Or maybe I join the millions of people who are finding ways to sustain the environment rather than deplete it. Maybe I change my incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescents; maybe I turn lights off when I'm not in the room; maybe I plant some trees; maybe I ride my bike or take a bus to campus; maybe I get involved with the YSU Green Group to try and make the university more sustainable. And maybe I get on the Web to find out what else I can do to make a difference.

For better or for worse, we are here now, being called on to prevent the destruction of our home. It's all we have, and it's in grave jeopardy. To borrow from JFK: If not now, when? If not us, who?

Jean Engle
Assistant Director
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### **COMMENTARY**

## Women deserve pay equity

### Jill Hopke

(MCT)

Pay equality for women in the United States is long overdue.

April 22 marks Equal Pay Day, the point in the current year at which women working full-time finally catch up to men's earnings from the previous year.

Women have made significant gains since Congress passed the Equal Pay Act of 1963.

The act mandates that all workers be compensated the equally for equal work, regardless of the sex of the employee. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 also addresses this type of discrimination. However, progress toward wage parity has been slow.

In 1960, women earned 60.7 cents for every dollar a man did. Now, a woman working full-time earns, on average, 76.9 cents for every dollar a man does, according to 2006 U.S. Census data.

But that's not good enough. Plus, women of color are doing much worse. Black women, for example, make only 62.4 percent of what white men earn, according to

Women's Policy Research.

If these current trends persist, it will take 50 years for women to reach wage parity with male workers, according to the institute. This means that even the youngest

women workers today are unlikely

a 2004 report from the Institute for

to be paid equally.

Over a lifetime, the economic

impact of this pay gap is huge. A female high school graduate can expect to earn \$700,000 less than her male classmates. With a college degree women fall even further behind men with equal education – \$1.2 million worth by the end of their working lives – according to the nonprofit WAGE Project.

Women also continue to be underrepresented in higher-paying fields. While women now make up about half of the total workforce in the United States and earn college degrees at rates comparable to men, only one in five of the country's science and technology workers is a woman, according to the National Academies.

The pay disparity between men and women cannot be dismissed as due to personal career or family choices on the part of women. In a 2007 study, researchers from the Association of University Women found that even when accounting for personal factors that affect earnings, such as education and hours worked, an unexplained wage gap persists between men and women. The report concluded that this is evidence of wage discrimination.

Today's working women deserve equality. As a nation we cannot afford to wait another 50 years to reach wage parity. Congress must act now to make pay equality a reality for working women in the United States.

COMMENTARY

# War must be won, but Clinton's troop withdrawl plan fares better than Obama's

Alex Mangie

Jambar Contributor

Lately, politicians and pundits alike have been criticizing President Bush on his decision to invade Iraq. Some have said he purposely misled the United States into a war that has resulted in irresponsible spending and countless deaths. They call this entire war a fabrication and abomination created by George Bush.

Many Democrats today are in search of the "anti-war" candidate bent on packing up and leaving within a few months. Some have found comfort in who I would like to call the Almighty Obama (excuse my genuflecting). Other more sensible Democrats have aligned themselves with Hillary Clinton. This writer prefers John McCain, but more on that later. Are anti-war candidates all that they are cracked up to be?

People seem to forget Vietnam and how it escalated. Lyndon Johnson, a well intentioned man in many rights, was the anti-war candidate in 1964 in his race against Barry Goldwater. Most of the faculty on campus will recall the "Daisy Ad" which equated Goldwater with nuclear war.

In 1964 the anti-war Johnson famously quoted, "We are not about to send American boys 10,000 miles away to do what Asian boys ought to be doing for themselves." Well, his actions were quite to the contrary. Was he a liar? This would be a great opportunity to slam the Democratic Party and LBJ, but no, I do not believe so. He did what he thought was right, much akin to what Bush did basing

his decision to invade Iraq on the intelligence he received.

The lesson is: Beware of antiwar candidates. Barack Obama has been anointed as a shining beacon of peace and understanding. While my esteemed colleagues will praise Obama for wanting to leave Iraq quickly, I find it irresponsible and almost contradictory to his position as outlined online. In a nutshell, it says he will leave Iraq within a 16 month timetable (which he changed from three months back in February).

However, if al-Qaida tries to re-establish itself, he will send troops from within Iraq or from the region to conduct raids. That certainly seems like a cop out to me, if not a fail-safe. Obama's foreign policy credentials are lacking, and while the man said he was against the war, he was not in the Senate to vote. We do not know how he would have voted if given that same intelligence. Ah, convenience in absence.

Hillary Clinton is the better choice of the two. While her logic on leaving Iraq is flawed, her plan is more manageable and fairly safer. Clinton calls for a phased redeployment of troops starting within the first 60 days of her becoming president (no exact timetable) and promises to leave Iraq stable by remaining tough and committed.

and committed.

Whether or not she would do this is uncertain, but anyone who can take a beating as bad as she has from the press these past few months has to be tough. While she does not have the experience in foreign policy either, the amount she does have far exceeds Obama's.

John McCain simply wants the United States to finish what it has started. He wants us to leave on our own terms, not under some timetable pulled out of thin air. The terrorists will be counting down the days.

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In short, he wants to continue fighting al-Qaida, adequately train the police and military force (that is to say, not half-ass it like his Democratic counterparts), continue to refuse negotiations with Iran and Syria, and strengthen the political system. He does not want to leave Iraq in a state that can easily be toppled by terrorists. When we leave because of satisfaction of progress rather than the belief of Sen. Harry Reid who declared "the war is lost," then we will win this war.

We all want to see the troops come home. However, such a rapid withdrawal by either of the two Democrats could prove disastrous. Terrorists have taken a page out of the Viet Cong handbook and have fought a war of attrition, hoping to beat the United States with time. Critics of this war say it cannot be won. It must be won.

If the United States loses this war, this country does not have the luxury of walking away like in Vietnam. Our enemies are sworn to kill us, regardless of our presence in the Middle East. People do not like to equate Iraq as part of the war on terror, but it is a battle within a larger context. Our enemy is already encouraged, ambitious and optimistic. If we lose in Iraq, they will pursue us. That is not a reality anyone wants to acknowledge, especially Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama.

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## Local band Album references metal legends, Ohio folklore

Brandon Judeh

Reporter

Local band Album's message to the masses is simple: "Death to false metal."

Album formed back in October 2007 and has played a handful of shows, but is already booked to play a gig at Peabody's in Cleveland May 25.

Aready known for its explosive, intense live shows, Album appeared on "Homegrown" with CD 93.3's Viking Jim and will also appear in local magazine Maynstream.

Album's sound is like Black Sabbath and old school Metallica being molested by the Melvins.

We sound like a hard-working steel worker hitting you in the face with a battering ram until your brains ooze out of your ears," said Winfield Dray, who's on guitar and vocals.

Album is also influenced by Iron Maiden, Manowar and a little known band from San Francisco called Honky Lucas and the Newbies.

The trio decided to start Album due to boredom and lack of good rock 'n' roll bands. The band members have known each other most of their lives. Brothers Jason and Josh Hopkins live in the same neighborhood as Dray, and the three attended Beaver Local High School together.

"We all share a love for music and one day we all were hanging out and decided to jam and we ended up starting a band," said Jason, on bass and

With a three-song demo out, Album is almost done recording its first album. "It will be called 'Album,' with a song titled 'Album.' So basically it's Album, 'Album,' 'Album," said

"Our first single will be the song

"Deep in the foothills of the ancient Appalachians lies the tiny crossroads of Rogers, Ohio. There, the last vestige of somber, proud hill-folk wax into legacy and wilderness swallows ancestral back into inhuman mystery. It is amongst this quiet and isolated realm that a thunder summoned from an age forgotten, heralds a new dawning for the music of man. That thunder is named ALBUM."

From the band's MySpace page

#### **Upcoming Concerts**

Friday 10 p.m. Barley's Youngstown

Saturday 9 p.m. Mojo's Pub and Grill Austintown

'Death by Eagle,' and the album will be out some time this summer," said Josh, the band's drummer.

The record should be a heavy one, with such songs as the Melvins- and Metallica-influenced "Thunder, Thunder" and the hard, fast and brutal "Slam the Hammer."

When asked if they have any rituals before or after a show, the band members described their routine.

"We practice before the show, and then we all drink a beer right before we go on stage," said Dray.

Their demo includes "Sexcapade," "Death by Eagle" and "Master of the Wolf," all of which prove that this is truly a metal band.



## Be glad you don't have these summer jobs

Jeanette DiRubba

Reporter

For the summer months ahead, sophomore Amanda Perisa will be spending nearly every day asking the same question. "Do you want fries with that?"

As the semester comes to a Youngstown State close. University students will be back working at summer jobs. Like Perisa, most YSU students will be working at a place they love to hate because of the experiences formed over the past few summers.

"I work at McDonald's, and I just get so tired of it during the summer," Perisa said. "One day I was working the drive-thru window, and when I reached

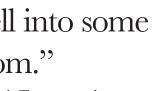
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Andy Thompson, sophomore out to hand the customer his "I was supposed to mow the lawn for this huge camp ground

it," Burd said.

food, I slammed my hand right against the closed window. I every day for eight hours. It didn't even notice it wasn't sucked, so I just stopped going open. They really clean those after the third day. Plus, I already windows!" she said. had another job, so it wasn't worth

Senior Ryan Burd said he only kept his summer job for three days, and does not plan on going back to work there this summer.



Junior Adrienne Hudak works

at Chick-fil-A during the summer,

cell phones when ordering to make her work life easier.

"When I was working the register, a woman came up and gave me the most confusing order while on her cell phone. I asked, very nicely, if that was all she wanted to order, and she just gave me the dirtiest look and said, 'Oh no, honey, I'm and she wishes customers to get off on to done,' and then she went back in the Writing Center.

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Sophomore Andy Thompson worked as a carpenter last summer. He fell through the roof during one of his assignments.

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Not all YSU students will be going back to summer jobs they

dread, however. Senior Joe Gintert will be looking forward to working on campus in Kilcawley Center, where he says his bosses are

"down-to-earth people." Sophomore Cat Davison said she will fill her summer with sleep and "Facebook stalking" at her job

## **events**

## Today

Planet Earth Series from the BBC Ward Beecher Planetarium 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

My Chemical Romance with Billy Talent and Agora Theater and Ballroom

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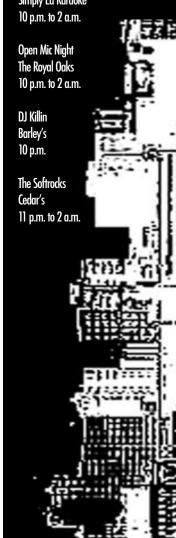
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## Wednesday

Drunken Mic Night with Khaled O'Donald's Irish Pub & Grill 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Karaoke at Down the Hatch DJ Dominic Karaoke 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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**ENTERTAINMENT** 

# Famous faces of summer movies

## 'Iron Man'

Release date: May 2

**Director:** Jon Favreau

Actors: Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges and Samuel L. Jackson

Plot: Based on the "Marvel" comic book series, a billionaire suffers a life-threatening accident and builds an armor suit in order to survive. He then uses the technology to fight evil.

## 'Sex and the City: The Movie

Release date: May 30 **Director:** Michael Patrick King

Actors: Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Cynthia Nixon, Kristin Davis and Chris Noth

**Plot:** Based on the long running HBO series, the movie picks up four years after the show left off, following the ladies in New York.

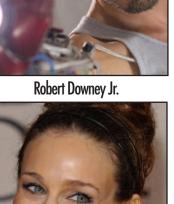
## 'The Incredible Hulk'

Release date: June 13

**Director:** Louis Leterrier

Actors: Edward Norton, Liv Tyler and Tim Roth Plot: This is not a sequel to Ang Lee's 2003 hulk of a film. Bruce Banner tries to solve why he becomes a monster when he is angry while fighting evil.

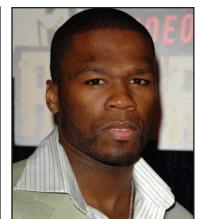






Sarah Jessica Parker

**Edward Norton** 



Tilda Swinton

50 Cent



Cameron Diaz

## 'The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian'

Release date: May 16, 2008 **Director**: Andrew Adamson

Actors: Liam Neeson, Tilda Swinton, and Ben

Barnes

Plot: The sequel to The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe. The Pevensie kind return to Narnia to help fight the sources of evil and restore thrown back to the Prince.

## 'Righteous Kill'

Release date: Sept. 12 **Director:** Jon Avnet Actors: Al Pacino, Robert De Niro, John

Leguizamo, Donnie Wahlberg and 50 Cent **Plot:** Two veteran New York City detectives work to identify the possible connection between a recent murder and a case they believe they solved years ago.

## 'What Happens in Vegas...'

Release date: May 9 or 16 **Director:** Tom Vaughan

Actors: Cameron Diaz, Ashton Kutcher and Queen

Plot: Set in Vegas, two people wake up to find themselves married to one another. Upon realizing their disgust with one another, the spouses win a large sum of money and try to cheat each other out of it.

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**FOOTBALL** 

# Red dominates White

Red blanks White with dominating performances on both sides of the ball to win its sixth straight annual spring game.

**Andrew Berry** 

Sports Editor

Football returned to Stambaugh Stadium Friday as the Youngstown State University football team played in the 36th annual Red-White spring game.

In his final spring game in a Penguin uniform, junior quarterback Todd Rowan led the Red squad to a 15-0 shutout victory over the White team. Despite the White team holding a 20-16 advantage in spring games, the Red team has won six straight.

Rowan, who will most likely take over as field general for the Penguins in the fall, looked sharp as he improved to 3-0 in spring games as the starting quarterback. While his numbers weren't a big has they have been in previous spring games, Rowan had a solid contest going 11 for 16 with 96 yards and a touchdown.

Those who came out to Stambaugh to watch the Penguins battle saw a dominating performance by Rowan and the Red squad. Clear skies, 78 degree weather and the first football game of the year were enough to bring out 1,251 fans.

Ron Jaworski, former Penguin and Philadelphia Eagle, was also in attendance for the Red-White game. The current ESPN analyst took time out of his busy schedule to be on hand for the coin toss as he greeted both teams' captains at mid-

The fans were treated to solid dose of football that saw big runs, strong defense and even a touchdown pass on a trick play. Of those in attendance, junior Lamar Sykes thought the Red team was impres-

"Red team looked solid out there," Sykes said. "The White team looked like a JV or practice squad while the Red team looked

liked the varsity.' Other fans agreed with Sykes and his thoughts on the Red team's solid outing. Junior Shane Howell though the Red team was the more prepared while "the white team did not look as good."



FAST FEET - Sophomore defender Nick Mernedakis can't quite catch up with junior quarterback Brandon Summers of the White team as Summers evades the sack to find a reciever down field. Photo by Andrew Berry.

The teams played two 30 minutes periods with a five minute halftime instead of the traditional four quarters. After the initial kickoff the game was a defensive battle as both sides couldn't find any sort of rhythm on offense. It wasn't until there was just over four minutes remaining in the first half when Rowan connected with junior wide receiver Josh Lee for a 6-yard touchdown pass for the first points of the game.

The first scoring drive of the contest engineered by Rowan consumed nearly eight minutes of clock and covered 81 yards in nine plays. Rowan took off for an impressive 13-yard scramble to open the drive followed by junior Kevin Smith reeling off four rushes for a combined 28 yards. Junior

Jabari Scott got the Red team in striking distance with an 18-yard run of his own.

For the White squad, junior Brandon Summers looked comfortable under center and showed his ability to move out of the pocket and create plays out of nothing. Summers connected on 7 of his 17 passes for 80 yards but was sacked three times.

While Summers tried his hardest, the Red defense was too much to handle. Summers and the White offense were held to 43 yards of total offense while the Red team racked up 261 yards of offense. The White squad was forced to punt of five of its seven possessions.

With the Red defense playing with a lockdown mentality, it took a highlight reel kick return by junior wide receiver Ferlando Williams to get the White team into the red zone. After Rowan and Lee hooked up for the first score of the game, Williams ran back the ensuing kickoff for 71 yards up the middle to the Red 19-yard line. Working against the clock, the White team was unable to take of advantage of the great field position as the first half ended before Summers and his offense could crack the goal line.

While both sides showcased strong points, the Penguins have some areas to work on as they head into the off season. Both squads went 2-7 on third down and the Red team was unable to kick an extra point as the White defense came away with two blocks.

Additional reporting by Keith Langford





## Jaws on the field

PROFESSIONAL ANALYSIS - ESPN analyst and former Penguin Ron Jaworski participated in the Red-White spring game at Stambaugh Stadium. Jaworski was on hand for the coin toss at midfield. Prior to his coin flipping duties, Jaws chatted with the referees and head coach Jon Heacock. Photos by Andrew Berry.

## Red-White spring game MVP



**Todd Rowan** Quarterback

No. 15 Junior Red team No. 1 overall pick

16 pass attempts 11 completetions 92 passing yard Touchdown 1 rush for 13 yards

### **IMPRESSIVE STAT**

With Friday's win, Rowan improves to 3-0 as the starting quarterback in spring games.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS** 

## Penguins come together as tournament approaches



**SURE SHOT** — Senior Emily Thayer returns the offering from her opponent. The Penguins are putting together a strong second half with an impressive win over Wright State. Photo courtesy of Sports Information.

### **Aaron Blatch**

Sports Reporter

Two weeks ago, it would have been difficult finding positives with the Youngstown State women's tennis team. On April 6 the Penguins were suffering through a 3-14 start to the season, including a 0-3 mark in Horizon League play.

A trip home and some improved play have led to three wins in four games and given the team hope as the conference tournament approaches. After splitting matches with league rivals Wright State and Detroit this weekend, the Penguins are 3-4 in-conference.

YSU used strong doubles play and depth in the singles competition to get a 4-3 victory over Wright State on Saturday at YSU Tennis Courts

for the team's third straight win. Despite losing in No. 1 and No. 2 singles, the Penguins were able to fight back by winning the No. 3, 5 and 6 spots. The team wrapped up the win by picking up victories in No. 1 and 3 doubles.

The game continued the team's strong play at home. All three matches in the winning streak took place in Youngstown, and the Penguins have a 4-3 home record on the year. Senior Emily Thayer

said the homestand played a key part in the recent success, after playing only four home matches in the season's first 17 contests.

"Being at home is a huge advantage," Thayer said. "You have fans there, and you feel comfortable in your surroundings. It definitely helped us."

On Sunday, the Penguins' luck

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Emily Thayer, senior tennis player

quickly changed after traveling to

Detroit. The Titans got a 6-1 win,

with only Kelly Culbertson win-

ning No. 6 singles and Culbertson

and Thayer winning No. 2 doubles

team has picked up confidence

really come together and we're

playing some of our best tennis

because of its recent success.

Despite the loss, Thayer said the

"I think that our games have

for YSU.

right now," she said. "We're confident, and I think that that will help The Penguins picked a good

time to come together because the Horizon League Championships will be played Saturday and Sunday in Indianapolis. YSU has put itself in the middle of the conference standings, which Thayer said is a

> questions seeds individual

match. "We have to stay confident and go out and put it all on the line," the senior said. "Each match could be the last match of the season or, for me, the last match of my career. I want to stay aggressive and have

weeks have been fun for the Penguins, who will try to keep their success going deep into the conference tournament.

positive accomplishment given the strength of the league. While she league's new tournament format that middle like the Penguins to win four games in a row while the top two seeds only have to win twice, Thayer is excited for her final playoff as a collegian and wants to focus on

It's a safe bet that the past two

## **PENGUIN SPORTS TO** THE POINT

Softball takes down Butler Bulldogs

Junior Kristen McDonnell went 3-for-3 with a two-run home run and five runs batted in to lead the Youngstown State University softball team to an 8-6 win over Butler to win the season series Sunday at McCune Park.

The Penguins improve to 8-27 overall and 4-12 in the Horizon League.

McDonnell became just the second player in school history to hit 20 home runs when she gave YSU a 2-0 lead with a two-run blast in the bottom of the second inning.

Butler capitalized on two Penguins errors in the top half of the third inning to take a 4-2

YSU, however, answered with a four-run inning to regain a 6-4 advantage. Sophomore Cheryl Cale, who pitched 4.1 innings to pick up her second straight win and her fifth of the season, led off the bottom of the third with a walk and freshman Rochelle Vanyi's bunt single put runners on first and second.

In the bottom of the fifth, McDonnell singled up the middle to score senior McKenzie Bedra, who doubled, and senior Bethany Hafley's RBI fielder's choice put the Penguins up 8-4.

Source: Sports Information